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Our Ref. No. 1408/6

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
3. Copies of cited references (10 references); and
4. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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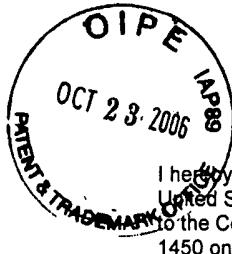
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the references as well as Form PTO-1449 are attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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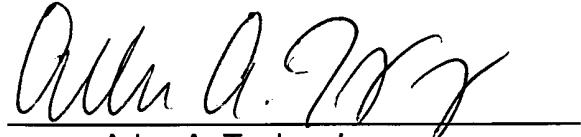
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